

FAMILY FISHING WATERS IN GREEN!

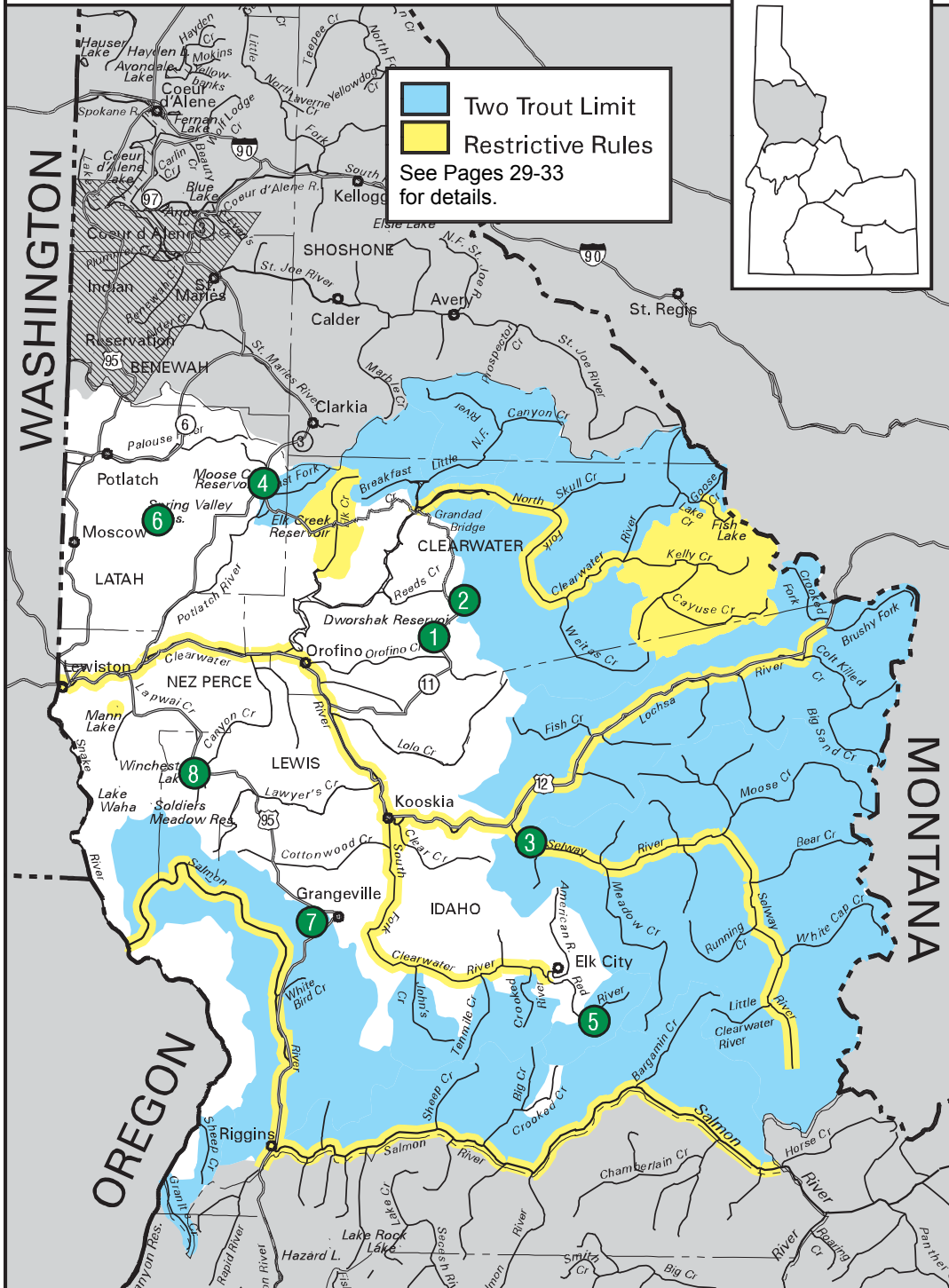
- Year-round season
- Limit of six trout and six bass
- No limit on other species
- No length limits
- Standard fishing gear

CLEARWATER REGION

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Clearwater Region

MAPS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY



Family Fishing Waters

- 1 Campbell's Pond
- 2 Deer Creek Reservoir
- 3 Fenn Pond
- 4 *Moose Creek Reservoir
- 5 Red River Pond
- 6 *Spring Valley Reservoir
- 7 *Tolo Lake
- 8 *Winchester Lake

* Electric motors only

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STATEWIDE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS THAT APPLY IN THE CLEARWATER REGION

The following bag and possession limits apply except as modified in "REGION EXCEPTIONS," listed BELOW.

- Bag and possession limits are defined on page 10.

SPECIES	BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS	
BASS (Largemouth and Smallmouth)	6*	In the aggregate of both species.
BROOK TROUT	25	
BULL TROUT	NONE	There is no harvest season for bull trout. Any bull trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
SALMON (Anadromous, ocean-going)		Salmon rules are issued in separate brochures. Seasons are closed unless opened by commission rule.
STEELHEAD (Anadromous, ocean-going)		See pages 66-70.
STURGEON (See page 33.)	NONE	There is no harvest season for sturgeon. Any sturgeon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. Barbless hooks required.
TIGER MUSKIE	2*	NONE under 40 inches.
TROUT (does not include brook or bull trout) Includes the following trout family fishes: brown, cutthroat, golden, lake (Mackinaw), rainbow, splake and sunapee trout; trout hybrids; Arctic grayling; and the landlocked forms of Chinook, coho, Atlantic and kokanee (blueback) salmon.	6*	In the aggregate of all trout species.
WHITEFISH	25	
PROTECTED NONGAME FISH Includes the following: Pacific lamprey and sand roller.	NONE	May not be harvested or possessed.
All species other than those listed above	NO LIMIT	Includes bullfrogs and crayfish (see game fish page 10).

* *Illegal to transport without head and tail attached.*

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STATEWIDE SEASONS THAT APPLY IN THE CLEARWATER REGION

- **APPLY TO ALL WATERS IN THE REGION EXCEPT AS LISTED IN "REGION EXCEPTIONS"**
- **LAKES, PONDS and RESERVOIRS** (including alpine lakes): Extends ONLY to the edge of flat waters, excluding small, unnamed irrigation diversion ponds, beaver ponds and mill ponds—OPEN ALL YEAR.
- **DITCHES and CANALS:** Man-made structures used to transport water for irrigation or hydropower purposes—OPEN ALL YEAR.
- **RIVERS and STREAMS:** Small, unnamed irrigation diversion ponds, beaver ponds and mill ponds have the same season as the river or stream on which they are located—Open Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through November 30.

2010: May 29 - November 30.

WINTER STREAM SEASON IN THE CLEARWATER REGION IS FROM DECEMBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31.

WINTER STREAM SEASON (See page 8) APPLIES TO ALL RIVERS AND STREAMS EXCEPT AS LISTED IN "REGION EXCEPTIONS."

FAMILY FISHING WATERS:

Campbell's Pond, Deer Creek Reservoir, Fenn Pond, Moose Creek Reservoir*, Red River Pond, Spring Valley Reservoir*, Tolo Lake*, Winchester Lake*.

* Electric Motors Only — Gas motor may be attached to boat, but may not be used while fishing.

Clearwater Region Exceptions

General Fishing Seasons, Dates, Possession Limits and Rules apply to all waters within the Clearwater Region except as listed below.

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Water	Daily Bag Limit Exceptions to General Seasons			Special Rules
	Species	Exceptions	General Seasons	
BREAKFAST CREEK , and its tributaries.	Trout	2		
CLEAR CREEK , from its mouth to 100 yards upstream from the weir at the fish hatchery.			Closed to fishing.	
CLEARWATER RIVER	Trout	6		Rainbow trout longer than 20" are considered steelhead and may be kept only during open steelhead harvest season. See steelhead rules, pages 66-70.
From its mouth upstream to the Clearwater River Bridge at Orofino.			Open all year.	Only barbless hooks may be used from Sept 1 — Apr 30.
Between posted boundaries approximately 100 yards upstream and downstream from the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Ladder and extending into the river channel approximately 50 yards.			Closed to fishing.	
Shoreline along the perimeter of Dworshak National Fish Hatchery.			Closed to fishing.	
From the Clearwater River Bridge at Orofino upstream to the mouth of Clear Creek.			Open all year.	No motors Sept 15 — Apr 30. Only barbless hooks may be used from Sept 1 — Apr 30.
CLEARWATER RIVER, LITTLE NORTH FORK , and its tributaries.	Trout	2		
CLEARWATER RIVER, NORTH FORK				See steelhead rules, pgs 66-70.
Mouth to Dworshak Dam.			Open all year.	Only barbless hooks may be used. Fishing from the shoreline or wading along the perimeter of Dworshak National Fish hatchery is PROHIBITED. Fishing from any watercraft or wading is PROHIBITED between the posted line approximately 150 yards upstream from the mouth of the North Fork Clearwater River and the Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge. When fishing from the Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take any fish downstream of the railroad bridge. Fishing from the railroad bridge is PROHIBITED.
From the upper end of flat water in Dworshak Reservoir upstream.				No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 10. The use of insects and insect larvae is permitted during winter stream season.
	Trout	2		No cutthroat under 14".
All tributaries except Kelly and Lake creeks (see listings).	Trout	2		
CLEARWATER RIVER, SOUTH FORK	Cutthroat	2		None under 14".

Water	Daily Bag Limit		Exceptions to General Seasons	Special Rules
	Species	Exceptions		
CROOKED CREEK (Salmon River) from the mouth upstream to and including Big Creek.	Trout	2		
From Big Creek upstream.	Trout	6		
CROOKED FORK CREEK (Lochsa River), from its mouth to Brushy Fork Creek.	Trout	0	No winter stream season.	No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 10. Catch-and-release.
From Brushy Fork Creek upstream and all tributaries including Brushy Fork Creek.	Trout	2		
CROOKED RIVER South Fork Clearwater River, from mouth to fish weir (approx. 400 yards) (also see Five Mile Pond listing).			Closed to fishing	
Mainstem and tributaries upstream from fish weir.	Trout	2		
DWORSHAK RESERVOIR , from Dworshak Dam to Grandad Bridge.	Kokanee	25		Per day, 50 in possession.
From Grandad Bridge upstream to end of flat water.			Open Saturday of Memorial Day weekend — Nov 30	
	Kokanee	25		Per day, 50 in possession.
	Trout	6		Only 2 may be cutthroat.
ELK CREEK (tributary to Dworshak reservoir) and its tributaries (above and below Elk Creek Reservoir).	Trout and Brook Trout	6		Brook trout must be counted in trout limit.
ELK CREEK RESERVOIR	Trout and Brook Trout	6		Electric motors only. Brook trout must be counted in trout limit.
FISH LAKE (Cedars area).			Open Aug 1 — Nov 30	No motors.
FIVE MILE POND (Crooked River drainage).	Trout	6	Open Saturday of Memorial Day weekend — Nov 30	
GRANITE CREEK , and its tributaries (Snake River).	Trout	2		
JOHNS CREEK , and its tributaries (S.F. Clearwater River).	Trout	2		
KELLY CREEK , and its tributaries.	Trout	0	No winter stream season.	No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 10. Catch-and-release.
LAKE CREEK , from mouth to Goose Creek, including all tributaries.	Trout	2		
From Goose Creek to Fish Lake including all tributaries (Cedars area).	Trout	2	Open Aug 1 — Nov 30	
LAPWAI LAKE (Winchester Lake). See Winchester Lake.				
LOCHSA RIVER , from mouth upstream to Wilderness Gateway Campground Motor Bridge (near Highway 12 milepost 122).	Trout	2		No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 10. The use of insects and insect larvae is permitted during winter stream season. None under 14".

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Daily Bag Limit Exceptions to General Seasons				
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LOCHSA RIVER Upstream from Wilderness Gateway Campground Motor Bridge (including Crooked Fork Creek from mouth to Brushy Fork.	Trout	0	No winter stream season.	No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 10. Catch-and-release.
All tributaries except Crooked Fork Creek.	Trout	2		
MANN LAKE	Bass	6		Electric motors only. No boats from Oct 1 — Dec 31 None under 12".
MOOSE CREEK RESERVOIR				Electric motors only. Family Fishing Water
PALOUSE RIVER , and its tributaries.			Open all year.	
POTLATCH RIVER , from the mouth upstream to and including Moose Creek.			Open all year.	
POTLATCH RIVER, EAST FORK , and its tributaries.	Trout	2		
RED RIVER , from fish weir downstream for a distance of 100 yards.			Closed to fishing.	
SALMON RIVER , Mouth to headwaters, except for 100 yards upstream and downstream of Sawtooth Fish Hatchery salmon weir and trap.	Trout	6	Open all year.	Only trout with a clipped adipose fin as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept. Rainbow trout over 20" are considered steelhead and may be kept only during open steelhead harvest season. See pages 66-70.
100 yards upstream and of Sawtooth Fish Hatchery salmon weir and trap.			Closed to fishing.	
SALMON RIVER TRIBUTARIES , from the mouth upstream to and including Horse Creek drainage, except Crooked Creek, Little Salmon River, and South Fork Salmon River.	Trout	2		
SELWAY RIVER , from mouth upstream to Selway Falls cable car.	Trout	2		No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 10. The use of insects and insect larvae is permitted during winter stream season. None under 14".
From Selway Falls cable car upstream to Selway Falls Bridge at Meadow Creek.			Closed to fishing.	
From Selway Falls Bridge upstream.	Trout	0	No winter stream season.	No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 10. Catch-and-release.
All tributaries	Trout	2		
SHEEP CREEK , and its tributaries (Snake River).	Trout	2		
SNAKE RIVER (Lewiston to Hells Canyon Dam).			Open all year.	Rainbow trout over 20" are considered steelhead and may be kept only during open steelhead season. See steelhead rules, pages 66-70.
SPRING VALLEY RESERVOIR				Electric motors only. Family Fishing Water
TENMILE CREEK , and its tributaries (South Fork Clearwater River).	Trout	2		

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TOLO LAKE					Electric motors only. Family Fishing Water
WINCHESTER (Lapwai) LAKE					Electric motors only. Family Fishing Water

STURGEON FISHING TIPS

USE LIGHTER LINE FOR WEIGHTS.

Small sturgeon have been found tied to the bottom on lost gear which was snagged on rocks or logs.

DO NOT DISCARD OLD LINE AND HOOKS!

Dead sturgeon have been found with large balls of discarded or lost line and hooks tangled in their gills.

The white sturgeon is the largest freshwater fish in North America. To reach their maximum length of 8 to 10 feet or more, sturgeon have to live for a very long period of time. Any accidental deaths result in fewer of the fish living the 25-50 years needed to reach large sizes. Biologists suspect a significant number of sturgeon deaths are caused by "ghost gear"- hooks and line broken off or discarded by anglers.

- Use a hook sized for sturgeon – typically 3/0 to 6/0. Many sturgeon anglers prefer to use circle hooks. Larger hooks should not be used since they can leave large wounds that take a long time to heal.
- Barbless hooks are required when fishing for sturgeon. Barbless hooks increase the chances of a small sturgeon being able to escape from gear snagged and lost on the bottom of the river.
- Properly dispose of used line, hooks, and trash in trash cans. Do not leave on river banks.

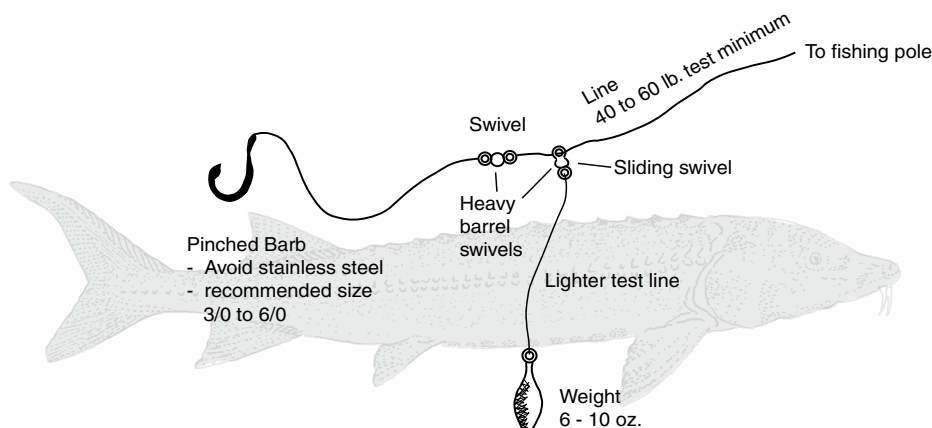
If you catch a fish —

- It is illegal to remove a sturgeon from the water.
- Sturgeon can be rolled onto their back in the water before removing the hook. This will generally calm the fish down and make it easier to remove the hook.
- Do not drag the fish's head up onto the shore for picture taking. Fish need to keep their gills in the water for breathing, especially after the exertion of being caught. Most people can't hold their breath after running a lap or two, it's hard on fish, too.
- Do not grasp sturgeon by the gills. Gills are fragile organs needed to absorb oxygen from the water and can be easily damaged
- Release the fish as soon as possible. Avoid playing the sturgeon to the point of extreme exhaustion.
- Do not mark or scar a sturgeon. Do not put a tail rope on a landed sturgeon. Do not clip or cut fins. These actions can result in infections for the fish and also impairs the appearance and enjoyment of the fish for future anglers.

The following are some rules and tips for sturgeon anglers aimed at helping sturgeon anglers catch fish and reduce sturgeon injuries and deaths:

Rigging up (see diagram)

- Use a minimum of 40 pound to 60 pound test line. This reduces chances of breaking off your line, either with a fish on or when snagged. Use a ten pound lighter test line to secure your weight. This will increase your chances of retrieving your hook if your weight snags. Also use a sliding swivel for your dropper weight, so if you do break your line, a sturgeon will not be tied to the weight snagged in the rocks. This will also give you a more sensitive feel for a sturgeon bite.



If you break off

- Try to retrieve as much snagged line as possible, use a boat if available. Do not leave discarded or tangled line in the water or on shore. It is a hazard to both fish and wildlife.